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This response is accurate.

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EOC PIO is waiting on this answer for their Gold King Mine FAQs sheet. Is this response ok? Would you like Jim/Mathy to review?

thanks

Does the EPA have any estimate on total number of abandoned mines? (in the western US and/or nationwide, or whatever is available)

There are currently 133 mining and mineral processing sites on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). This site information is available at:
<http://www.epa.gov/aml/aml/site/npl.htm>.

*A GAO report **Abandoned Mines: Information on the Number of Hardrock Mines, Cost of Cleanup, and Value of Financial Assurances** (2011) determined that there were "at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mine sites in the 12 western states and Alaska".*